

House District 38

Mary Kapsner, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: August 31, 1973

PLACE OF BIRTH: Anchorage, Alaska

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: Lifelong

OCCUPATION: Legislator

EDUCATION: Lower Kuskokwim School District and Poudre High School, Colorado, graduated 1991; University of Northern Colorado 1991-1994; University of Alaska Fairbanks 1994-1995; University of Alaska Southeast, 1995-1997; University of Alaska Anchorage, 1997-1998.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS: State Representative, 1999-2004; legislative intern 1996; House Bush Caucus (Chair 2003-2004); Health, Education and Social Services Committee Special Committee on Education; Transportation Committee; Ethics Committee.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS: Unit Coordinator, Kingulamta Cuinerrkat; Bethel Coordinator, Coastal Village Services; Rural Outreach Coordinator, Boys and Girls Clubs of America; Legislative Correspondent, ARCS Midday News; Fisheries Technician, Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Commercial Fisherman, Partner, Harvest Moon Seafoods, Inc.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Suicide Prevention Council; Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council; Alaska Moose Federation. Past service: Tolerance Commission; Governor's Council on Safe Water and Sanitation; Boys and Girls Clubs of America; Inuit Circumpolar Conference Youth Council; National Council of American Indians Youth Representative.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, fishing, traveling.

STATEMENT:

It has been my honor and privilege to represent the people of the Y-K Delta in the Legislature. I have tried to listen carefully and to represent the needs and views of our region in a respectful manner-and in a way that demonstrates our firm resolve to be players at the table.

Six years ago I pledged to work to bring people together on divisive issues. Progress is made one step, one person, at a time. I have tried to play a part in broadening the understanding of rural Alaska for many urban legislators.

I pledge to continue to work for funding and solutions to the needs of our region. My priorities will be:

- A fair distribution of funds for rural schools operating and construction needs.
- A fiscal plan. Failure to address revenues impacts our permanent fund dividend and funding for every basic state service.
- Protection of subsistence.
- Access to quality and affordable basic human services and the infrastructure to support them. These include physical and mental health services, public safety, housing, child and elder care, disability services, and solutions to rural energy needs.

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